US, Russia, Britain and other international players trying to avert was between India and Pakistan, the reports that only hours before Pak President's speech on May 27, 2002, the United Jehad Council on behalf of militants had built pressure on President Musharraf to scuttle the cease fire plan that he was going to announce in his speech that day; and

(b) if so, what was the world powers' reaction and response thereto to deal with the so called Jehadis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Fact of Pakistan's involvement and coordination with terrorist groups is now well established and widely recognised.

The international community has called upon Pakistan to fulfil its commitment to end cross border infiltration and terrorism on a permanent basis.

Conspiracy by Pak Army to Drop Atom Bomb

†957. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned, "Parmanu Bomb girane kee sajish thee Pak sena kee" which appeared in 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated 13th May, 2002.

(b) if so, whether Government are of the view that Pakistan would not repeat this type of activity in future; and

(c) if not, whether Government are prepared to face any situation of this kind arising suddenly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pakistan has, on several occasions, averred rejection of the doctrine of no-first-use. The implications of such a policy are self-evident. Government continues to closely monitor all developments related to Pakistan's nuclear and missile programmes, and remains fully committed to take all necessary steps to effectively safeguard India's security and national interests.

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